

**i ABOUT OUR SCHOOL**

**OUR MISSION**

California Connections Academy Schools educate to empower compassionate global citizens by leveraging 21st century education resources on behalf of students who need a more personalized approach to learning to maximize these students' potential and meet the highest performance standards.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**ADMINISTRATION**

**Executive Director:** Dr. Richard Savage

**Southern California Regional Site Administrator:** Heather Tamayo

**Northern California Regional Site Administrator:** Kara Mannix

**Central California Regional Site Administrator:** Marcus White

**Principals:** Kara Mannix (High School), Heather Tamayo (Middle School), Marcus White (Elementary)

**Assistant Principals:** Scott Ervin, Lauren Cunningham, Leslie Dombek and Amy Hunt (HS), Tracy Pinckney (MS), Marissa Carter (ES)

**Director of Student Achievement:** Dr. Richie Romero

**Director of Business Services:** Dr. Franci Sassin

**Director of Finance:** LaChelle Carter

**Director of Student Services:** Tanya Gustin

**Director of Counseling:** Mia Hardy

**Manager of Academic Support:** Hazel Eng

**SCHOOL AND FACULTY ACCOLADES**

The six charter schools share staff between all of the affiliated California Connections Academy Schools, which each serve students in different geographic regions. Together, the California Connections Academy organization has 276 credentialed professional teaching and counseling staff. All teaching staff are fully qualified within the areas they support.

**ACCREDITATION**



\*Central Coast and Monterey Bay expect to have accreditation by January, 2020. All other schools are fully accredited.

**SAMPLING OF ELITE SCHOOLS TO WHICH STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED**

Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Southern California, Pepperdine, University of California Berkeley, University of California Los Angeles, Washington State University

## OUR PROGRAM

California Connections Academy includes a four-year comprehensive high school program, plus rigorous middle school and elementary school programs, with a total enrollment estimated at **7000** during the 2019-20 school year.

School is in session 180 days between the months of September and June.

Over 100 California Connections Academy courses meet the “a-g” requirements for admission to the University of California and are listed at the following site:

<https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist/institution/5079/schools>



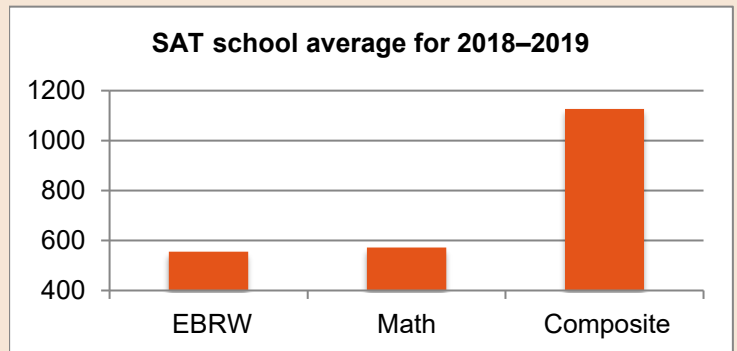
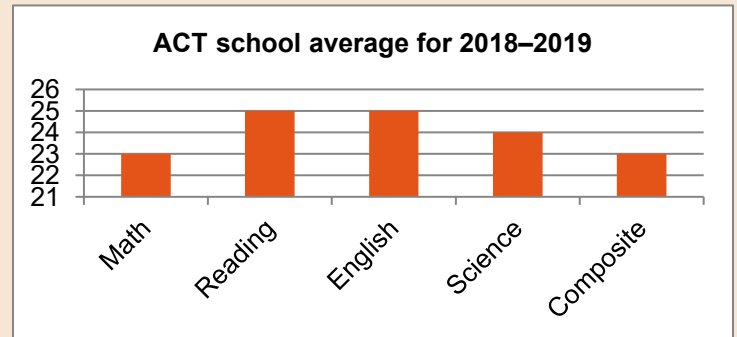
## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

California Connections Academy operates on a semester system using Carnegie units. One semester class equals one-half of a high school credit. Students who have taken high school level courses while in middle school may have been granted high school credit. The typical course load is 6 classes per semester.

22 Carnegie units of credit are required for graduation. Specific requirements include:

Area/Subjects	Number of Units for Graduation
Language Arts	4
Math	2
Science	3
Social Science	3
Health	.5
Physical Education	2
Technology	1
Humanities, Arts, or CTE	1
Other Electives	5.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

## AVERAGE TEST SCORES



### AP:

190 juniors/seniors (13%) enrolled in AP courses

Average Score 3.35

75% Scores 3 and Above



## HISTORY AND STUDENT POPULATION

California Connections Academy Schools are made up of six virtual charter schools, each authorized to operate in a different geographic region of California. All six schools share the same curriculum, instructional model, and staff.

### **Southern California History**

California Connections Academy Southern California is an accredited, virtual public charter school serving students in grades K–12 in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2004–05 school year as a K–8 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005–06, and added one grade level per year until all grades K-12 were included. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June, 2009.

### **Ripon History**

California Connections Academy @ Ripon is an accredited, virtual public charter school serving students in grades K-12 in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sacramento, Amador, Calaveras, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2012–13 school year as a K-12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June, 2013.

### **Central History**

California Connections Academy @ Central is an accredited, virtual public charter school serving students in grades K–12 in Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, and Tulare counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2006–07 school year as a K–8 school. The school served 9th graders for the first time in 2005–06, and added one grade level per year until all grades K-12 were included. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June, 2009.

### **North Bay History**

California Connections Academy North Bay is an accredited, virtual public charter school serving students in grades K–12 in Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, and Yolo counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school was founded during the 2014-15 school year as a K–12 school. The school's first 12th grade class graduated in June, 2015.

### **Central Coast History**

California Connections Academy Central Coast is a virtual public charter school serving students in grades K-12 in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school first opened for the 2019-20 school year as a K–12 school. The school's first 12th grade class is expected to graduate in June, 2020. The school is in the accreditation process and expects to receive accreditation before the second semester of the 2019-20 school year.

### **Monterey Bay History**

California Connections Academy Monterey Bay is a virtual public charter school serving students in grades K-12 in Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. Our students come from urban, suburban, and rural communities. The school first opened for the 2019-20 school year as a K–12 school. The school's first 12th grade class is expected to graduate in June, 2020. The school is in the accreditation process and expects to receive accreditation before the second semester of the 2019-20 school year.



## COURSE OPTIONS

California Connections Academy’s core curriculum is geared toward preparing students for college and beyond. Students have access to AP, Honors, College Preparatory, and Basic programs. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program, in which they can earn dual high school and college credit by attending post-secondary institutions.

**AP course offerings include:** Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Human Geography, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, Spanish Language, AP Art History, Environmental Science, Statistics, United States Government, and United States History.

**Honors course offerings include:** English (9-12), Algebra (1&2), Geometry, Pre-Calculus, American Government, US History, World History, Biology, Chemistry, and Earth Science.

**UC a-g approved science labs:** California Connections Academy offers virtual lab courses which have been approved by the UC system for a-g credit. All labs are done using the schools online courses, with some hands on activities built into the curriculum. These lab courses provide California Connections Academy students the opportunity to fulfill the UC/ CSU “d” laboratory science requirements.

**UC a-g approved visual and performing arts courses:** California Connections Academy offers visual and performing art courses for AP Art History, Art History, Introduction to Graphic Design, Living Music (I/II), Speech and Debate, and Introduction to Drawing. Visual and performing art courses provide California Connections Academy students the opportunity to fulfill the UC/CSU “f” visual and performing arts requirement.

**Career Technical Education:** (CTE) courses, which allow students to combine both college preparation and workforce skills development into one customized education program. CTE courses encourage students to explore and prepare for careers in finance, marketing, psychology, criminal justice, and more.



## GRADE SCALE

Student transcripts reflect weighted grades if the student took Honors or Advanced Placement courses. The numerical grading scale is as follows:

Grade	Numerical Percentage	Non-Weighted	Weighted (Honors)	Weighted (AP)
A+	98–100	4.00	4.50	5.00
A	92-97	4.00	4.50	5.00
A-	90-91	3.67	4.17	4.67
B+	88-89	3.33	3.83	4.33
B	82-87	3.00	3.50	4.00
B-	80-81	2.67	3.17	3.67
C+	78-79	2.33	2.83	3.33
C	72-77	2.00	2.50	3.00
C-	70-71	1.67	2.17	2.67
D+	68-69	1.33	1.83	2.33
D	62-67	1.00	1.50	2.00
D-	60-61	.67	1.17	1.67
F	0–59	0.00	0.00	0.00